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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Proposed Swimming Pool at Headquarters

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval; such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.
2. In recent weeks our engineering staff in Logistics has studied a number of suggestions for the possible construction of a swimming pool in the Langley Headquarters area. Two ideas have been explored in some detail:
  - a. a small pool in or near the basement of the Headquarters building.
  - b. a large enclosed pool located in an area convenient to the Headquarters building and planned in combination with a gymnasium, or perhaps with a small billeting facility for medical evacuees or other special types of transient personnel.
3. While there are several places in the basement of the Headquarters building where a small pool could be located, the extremely limited space available and the high construction costs in each instance would seem to rule out this idea. Unfortunately, the design of our building did not contemplate the addition of a swimming pool and, consequently, the piers and other supporting structures are located in such a way as to limit the size of any pool in the basement area to not more than 20 feet x 40 feet. Estimated construction costs for the several locations we considered ranged from \$150,000 to \$200,000.
4. A number of sites are available on presently controlled property in the Headquarters area where a large enclosed pool (42' x 82') could be built in combination with a gymnasium or perhaps a small billeting facility. The cost of such a pool alone, including site preparation, would run from \$285,000 to \$405,000 depending on location and, if combined with a gymnasium or transient billet, would range from \$475,000 to \$595,000. Each site we examined involved somewhat different considerations but all embraced one major problem: until our long-range plans for the Headquarters area are completed, picking an outside location for a swimming pool would be extremely difficult because the site chosen could later prove quite disadvantageous.

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5. As you know, our long-range plans for future construction at Headquarters are now being developed. They will depend, to some extent, upon our acquisition of additional Bureau of Public Roads land adjoining our present property and also, perhaps, our acquisition of the Travers tract, an 11-acre plot east of the access road from Route 123 (and on which a new rezoning application for high-rise apartments was filed recently). Acquisition from these two sources would enable us to work out a comprehensive land-use plan that will provide for most of the Headquarters elements not now at Langley. In connection with this planning, we believe that a swimming pool and gymnasium should be included as an integral part of a future building, perhaps one used for training purposes. In any case, we believe that if a site is to be chosen for a pool, it should be properly related to other key features of our long-range land-use plan.

6. Accordingly, it is recommended that further action on a swimming pool be deferred at this time and that we retain it as an item for consideration in the development of our long-range Headquarters construction plans.

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[REDACTED]  
R. L. Bannerman  
Deputy Director  
for Support

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The recommendation contained in paragraph 6 is approved.

[REDACTED] W. F. Raborn

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Executive Committee Meeting - 22 October 1965

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"1. Before the meeting formally opened the DCI looked at me and stated that he was after John Tietjen to form an association to offer subscriptions for the construction of a swimming pool. He also informed everyone assembled that he was shocked to find that no organization had any statistical data on the benefits to be derived from swimming and preservation of the health of an organization. I said that we were currently working on cost estimates and an examination of possible sites for such an activity.

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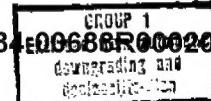
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"6. Alan Warfield, [REDACTED] and I met with Mr. Kirkpatrick, [REDACTED] and John Clarke to discuss our nebulous ideas about a gymnasium and swimming pool. In addition to the three sites which Alan and H. S. proposed for consideration, it was suggested that we consider using part of the South Parking Lot in order to have the gymnasium close to the Headquarters building. H. S. and Alan will give some study to this suggestion, which seemed feasible since the new 1,000-car parking lot which we are going to construct adjacent to the West Parking Lot would more than compensate for any space we might take away from the existing lot. Kirk asked [REDACTED] to find out what the FBI is putting in their new building in the way of a gymnasium. He also asked H. S. to plan a rifle range in the building and said that he and John Clarke would feel out the Bureau of the Budget as well as contacts on the Hill to see whether we have any chance of getting this through. If so, we will need someone to develop the "Madison Avenue sales pitch" to put it across, and it was suggested that [REDACTED] might be the right man to do this. Out of this meeting grew a discussion about what we intend to do about a Headquarters annex, and I undertook to prepare a paper showing over what period of time we could amortize an annex if we receive authority to construct one.. (I asked Alan Warfield and [REDACTED] to do this.)"

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23 FEB 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Proposed Gymnasium and Swimming Pool:  
(a) Comparison of Possible Sites  
(b) Revised Estimate to Include Building  
and Parking Area  
(c) Staffing Pattern

REFERENCE : D/OL memo to DD/S dated 19 Jan '65, subject,  
Cost Estimate and Possible Site Location  
for Indoor Swimming Pool and Gymnasium

1. In accordance with your request the advantages and disadvantages of three possible sites for subject facility are listed below:

a. Site I - Northeast of the auditorium - In a wooded area approximately midway between the security fence and the property line fence (225 feet from each).

Advantages

- (1) The building could be effectively screened from view from the entrance to the Headquarters building, from the main entrance road and from the George Washington Memorial Parkway. In addition, this site cannot be seen from any private property (Savile Lane) in the area.
- (2) Topography at this site will permit most economical construction of building, approach road and parking area.
- (3) Nearest to Headquarters building than other sites.

Disadvantages

- (1) Cost of utilities (water, sewer and power) would be greater than either Site II or Site III. Also, this site, like Site II would probably require a separate heating plant.
- (2) Existing trees would have to be removed to provide area for building and parking lots.

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b. Site II - "Revercomb"

Advantages

- (1) Facility could be most inconspicuous from other Agency property.
- (2) Topography good for building construction and minimum trees would have to be removed since site is generally clear; sufficient area for parking.
- (3) Water and sewer readily available.

Inadvantages

- (1) Close to and visible from private property along Seville Lane.
- (2) Power service not readily available and like Site I, a separate heating plant would be necessary.
- (3) Access road from main site road to proposed building will require bridge or culvert with extensive earth fill.
- (4) Adjacent Agency property is suitable for future office or operational construction and locating this facility in this area could well limit its orderly development.

c. Site III - Just north of proposed Printing Services Building adjacent to west property line.

Advantages

- (1) Utility connections will be the most economical of any of the sites.
- (2) The cost of a parking lot and access road will be eliminated since it will not be possible to construct them due to space limitation. However, consideration might be given to reserving a small number of spaces at the west side of the North Parking lot for gymnasium parking.
- (3) Except for Site I, this site is the closest to the Headquarters building and is within reasonable walking distance.

ATTACHMENT 1  
ALTERNATIVE A

NATIONAL SECURITY Agency

SUMMARY: Proposed Gymnasium and Swimming Pool

Disadvantages

(1) Restricted land area will tend to give a cramped appearance to this part of the property because of the proximity of this facility to the proposed Printing Services Building.

(2) Two buildings located in line with each other toward and nearly on the property line will tend to negate future approaches to the Bureau of Public Roads for land acquisition.

(3) The building will be visible from the Agency building as well as the Bureau of Public Roads building and property.

(4) Location of the facility on this site will necessitate the removal of almost all screening trees in this part of the Agency property perimeter.

(5) Because the site is long and narrow, the building must be long and narrow and thus more difficult and costly to construct.

2. The previous estimate as indicated in our 19 January 1965 memo to you did not provide for vehicular road to and parking area adjacent to the Gym and pool building. Accordingly, a total of \$500,000 is a revised estimate for Sites I and II. Site III will not permit parking, so the previous estimate of \$400,000 is still valid.

3. We wish to suggest that the following staffing pattern will be a minimum for this facility assuming it will be in operation 12 hours per day:

Athletic Director	23 F/h man year
Life Guards	" " "
Gear, Locker Attendants,	" " "
Janitorial & Pool cleaning,	
Kitchenical servicing	

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29 JAN 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Logistics

SUBJECT : Cost Estimate and Possible Site Location for  
Indoor Swimming Pool and Gymnasium

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 19 Jan 65 to DD/S fm D/L, same subj

1. Confirming our telephone conversation concerning reference memorandum, Colonel White has asked that it be elaborated upon, providing more detailed information as to what facilities could be accommodated within the specifications of the building structures. He specifically mentioned wanting to know whether or not handball courts could be included.
2. In addition, it is requested that a more definitive proposal be made concerning the possible location of the swimming pool and gymnasium and, in this regard, the suggested location or locations should be specified on the Langley headquarters site plan.

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R. L. Bannerman  
Assistant Deputy Director  
for Support

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19 JAN 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Cost Estimate and Possible Site Location  
for Indoor Swimming Pool and Gymnasium

1. A cost estimate for an indoor swimming pool and a gymnasium at this Headquarters area, Langley, Virginia has been prepared. As a guide, the facilities at Site III Isolation has been used.

2. The gymnasium building would be connected to the pool building and both structures could be of brick or split masonry block walls. The pool would be 42 ft. wide and 82 ft. long, have a maximum depth of 9' 6" and be built-fitted with a one meter board. The building surrounding the pool would be 116 ft. long by 56 ft. wide and have an exterior patio of 16 ft. by 116 ft. The gym floor area would be 73 ft. wide by 95 ft. long. The total gymnasium building would be 94 ft. wide and 97 ft. long. In addition to the gym floor area, it could contain a lobby, equipment storage room, men's locker room and showers, and a women's locker and shower room. The estimated cost for such a facility is as follows:

a. Indoor Swimming Pool	\$150,000
b. Gymnasium (no gym equipment included)	\$250,000
<b>total</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

3. It is suggested that this facility would be sited in an area across the perimeter road opposite or east of the Auditorium. For an alternate location it could be placed on the recently acquired "Hovercomb" tract.

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ALAN M. WATKINS  
Director of Logistics

SUBJECT: Cost Estimate and Possible Site Location  
for Indoor Swimming Pool and Gymnasium

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Assistant Deputy Director/Administration      16 November 1951  
(General)

General Counsel, CIA/KC

Use of Appropriated Funds for Recreational Facilities

1. In response to your oral request regarding the propriety of using appropriated funds of this Agency for recreational facilities, extensive research on the problem has revealed the following:

2. The Comptroller General has interpreted the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 628 as denying the expenditure of funds for the purchase or rental of recreational property or the payment for services relating to recreational supervision. The use of funds for this purpose has been denied in spite of the dearth of such facilities at the base, distance from the base to the closest public facilities, or the effect on the morale of employees in the absence of such facilities.

3. In view of this restrictive interpretation, justification for this Agency to expend funds for this purpose must be based upon unique operations, which could take us out of the purview of the Comptroller's decisions.

4. Security considerations are the most likely justification. Another factor supporting such an expenditure would be the need for physical fitness in the particular duties for which the personnel were slated. Fundamentally, the justification for such expenditures is a factual determination for your consideration.

5. We are submitting herewith an intra-office memorandum summarizing the present applicable law on this problem.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

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